

## DEACONS MEETING MINUTES

4/7/2026

**PRESENT:** In person: Bruce Bennett, Judy Haupt, Caroline Mack, Margaret Boone, Alice Barrett, Berkeley McChesney. By ZOOM: Leslie Fraser, Kare Marshall, Wendy Pree

**OPENING PRAYER:** Caroline prays for peace (which worked)

**REVIEW MINUTES** of 3/19/2026 – Part 2: Accepted with a clarification of the subcommittee of Deacons (Leslie, Margaret, Berkely and Alice) who are reviewing the transitional ministry options, focusing on understanding the differences between Interim and Designated Term ministries and report back to this meeting. And correcting the date for the Lakeside Service > should be July 5 – not the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER CARDS:** Sent by Berkeley >

Sherrill H.  
Marie F.  
Gloria P.  
Katie Osterman  
Annie B.  
Ayala Carter  
Alice B.  
Ray Gray for Stuart Harris  
Joanie Schwartz

**PASTORAL COVERAGE:** April 12 > Nancy Sykes with NO communion  
April 26 > Leslie or Sarah P. – TBD  
May 10 > David, Mothers' Day and Choir's last day of  
the season.

May 24 > Pentecostal Sunday – Leslie doing service  
with Vic and Allen telling Stories of Transformation

May 31 > Alice/Jeannine's Skit Time

June 21 > David's last sermon and Fathers' Day.

Discussion re: opening the Church to the wider community  
and how to do that. Setting up our tents in the front lawn  
for a meet and greet? Invite St. John's? TBD

June 28 > Rev. Liz may be doing the sermon for  
David's Release.

July 5 > Lakeside Service, Communion Sunday and  
potluck. Further details TBD. \*\* Judy will confirm our reservation with the  
Park Commission.

July 12 > Sanderson Sunday with Choir

Emergency Coverage TBD for May and June.  
Possibilities are Leslie and Bert if no one else steps up. \*\* Leslie will communicate with Bert. If using a local pastor, they would need to be paid. This is the link to the ongoing updated Spreadsheet for who is preaching when:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w\\_0lnROYISinSDctvTW5\\_IJpHzS\\_TBTA1FmNgu2wUho/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w_0lnROYISinSDctvTW5_IJpHzS_TBTA1FmNgu2wUho/edit?gid=0#gid=0).

And readers and greeters can also be added.

**DEACON COVERAGE:** May 3 > Communion Sunday - Judy and Margaret. Sermon and Oscar's Baptism per Bert, Leslie doing Communion, Bruce singing. The silver bowl and glass pitcher has been found and polished per Judy.

May 10 > Alice

17 > Wendy

24, 31 > Kare or Margaret to decide

**DEACON ISSUES:** 1) Subcommittee on transitional coverage in consultation with Charlotte, Conference Minister, recommends an Intentional Interim Minister, serving for 18-36 months, while beginning the search for a Settled Pastor. Doing so will save a step eliminating the bridge minister option. This means that we will need Pulpit Supply for a longer period of time and we need start writing our profile NOW in the hopes of finding an Interim by Sept. Next steps are to write the profile, inform Charlotte of our decision and call a Special Congregational Meeting soon during which we explain our decision and maybe get more volunteers for sermons. The Deacons voted unanimously for this decision. The fact that we live in a rural community who is offering a parttime job is working against us. And the pool of potential interims is also small.

2) Easter Banner – Comes down the eve before Pentecostal Sunday – May 24. Kare still need to tutor someone to take this over. Maybe a Trustee???

3) 4/12 – Bridge Meeting 2-4PM at the Hadley UCC. Leslie, Margaret going. ? Alice and Holly.

4) Apartheid Free Pledge: April 12 will be the first of 3 educational discussions with 2 speakers from the Jewish community. Leslie suggests that the 2 following dates be postponed as we have urgent matters to consider and the Pledge is a potentially contentious issue and needs to be thought out carefully. Bruce also notes that if we adopt the pledge, it has to be adopted **as written** by the Friends. A formal recommendation to Pause has been written and \*\*Alice and \*\*Margaret will discuss with the Committee on Apartheid. Perhaps it could be taken up again in September when more congregants will be available to take this deep dive into this issue. The Deacons voted unanimously to pause.

\*\* indicates an action plan

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Caroline

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Judy, Scribe

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ 7PM > Hybrid